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COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES FLORENCE/FIRESTONE SERVICE CENTER CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

LOS ANGELES –Community and Senior Services (CSS) Director, Cynthia Banks, announced today that effective January 30, 2009, the CSS Florence/Firestone Community Service Center, located at 7807 S. Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001, will be temporarily closed for badly needed renovation. The date to re-open the center is targeted for early November 2009. There will be upgrading and remodeling throughout the center. Renovations will also include adding a recreation room to provide additional recreational activity access for senior citizens.

The Service Center will be entirely vacated, requiring CSS staff and tenant departments to vacate the facility. To continue meeting the needs of the community, County departments and agencies housed within the center have designated the following temporary relocation sites:

Bethune Park

1244 East 61st Street, Los Angeles, 90001

Office hours: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Senior Activity: (323) 846-1895

- Old Timers Foundation Senior Food Program: Breakfast served at 7:30 a.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.
- Food Nutrition Management Services with registered dietician: Mondays 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Food Distribution: second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
- Computer Classes: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes: Monday through Thursday from 1:30-4:00 p.m.
- Library Assistance, Book and Video rental: Fridays from 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
- Bingo: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Transportation: Dial a Ride (323) 560-4646
- For Title V (a training program for seniors) inquiries, please call (213) 738-2631

<u>WorkSource / Florence/Firestone Youth Demonstration Project</u> -Services will continue in a location in close proximity to the Florence/Firestone Service Center. Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please contact Michele Merchain at (323) 887-7122 for all inquiries.

Services for the following County departments may be obtained at:

Consumer Affairs Florence/Firestone Branch Office-Washington Park

8908 Maie Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001

Office hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

You may also contact the Department of Consumer Affairs (Website: dca.lacounty.gov) at (800) 593-8222 for additional information or (800) 973-3370 for real estate questions.

Building and Safety

1326 W. Imperial Hwy, Los Angeles, 90044-1300

Office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Their new office will be named the "South West District Office."

The official date to begin services at the new location is to be determined.

<u>Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's</u> Florence/Firestone Office has designated the following offices for services:

Norwalk Headquarters Building, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 90650 (562) 462-2137. Office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. East Los Angeles District Office, 4716 East Cesar Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, 90022 (323) 260-2991. Office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. LAX Airport District Office, 11701 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, 90045 (310) 727-6142. Office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Document Recording hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. Passport Services are available at the L.A. Main post office location at 7101 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001.

Office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; closed Sundays.

<u>Parks and Recreation Administrative Office</u> Washington Park, 8908 Maie Avenue, Los Angeles, 90002. For hours and days of operation call (323) 586-7205 or (323) 586-7205.

<u>Department of Public Social Services</u> 1740 E. Gage Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001 (323) 586-7191 Food Stamp Outreach Assistance. This agency will return after the construction to continue serving the community. Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

<u>Adult Protective Services</u> has temporarily moved its Florence/Firestone office to the new "Avalon" site. You can look forward to referral information and continued services after the construction. For inquiries, please call (213) 351-5401. Call (877) 477-3646 24-hours.

Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Second Supervisorial District Field Office The Field Office deputies and staff may be reached during construction at (323) 586-6523.

Contact Greg Robinson, Florence/Firestone Center Director, at (323) 586-6502 or (323) 586-6516 for service re-location updates.

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